

THE BASSANO MAIL
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A DANGEROUS HILL.
DANGEROUS HILL. The accident there on June 1 when a truck struck a parked coupe caused the death of a young motorist who uses this main highway. It was a bit of good fortune that the accident was not more serious. The accident was serious enough, resulting as it did in injury to one person. The driver of the coupe has no blame for parking his car in such a position that it, together with the truck, blocked the smooth course of the road. But he was on a mission of good will, and his desire to assist the driver of the coupe probably caused him to overlook the danger in partly blocking the road. As far as we know, there are no accidents of this kind, the Crowfoot Hill is still a hazard for the motorist.

During the last two days, two cars have gone over the edge of the road here and been smashed up, but in both cases the drivers escaped. In one instance the people escaped death by a miracle. They were both driving the wrong way over the level prairie, travelling west. Suddenly, without warning, they were confronted with a steep descent at the Crowfoot Hill. Brakes were slammed on, the car started off to the right and down. They might have been killed had the gods been a little less kind.

The driver referred to was of a similar kind.

No wonder how many more accidents there were than were seen in this same hill, but we venture to say that they are rare.

The Crowfoot Hill is the most dangerous spot in the high-way between the prairie and the mountains. The stranger it is particularly dangerous, for he comes upon it suddenly, as he does in the poplar crown of the hill he sees the steep descent and the bridge at the bottom which is the only bridge across the hill while this car to pass over. A sudden application of brakes is liable to the car to roll over. This is exactly what has happened on at least two occasions.

Last Saturday a car was placed on the side of the road near the top of the hill. It bears the word "hill" and is a warning to the motorist approaching danger.

This sign is inadequate. It looks for the motorist to immediately approach the danger spot.

A suggestion has been made by a local man that a large sign be erected right across the road at a height sufficient to be visible. The sign would bear the words "Danger Slow Down," "Danger, Stop, Hill," and a red light. Red reflectors should also be attached to the sign so that it can be read at night.

The suggestion is a good one. A sign of this kind would be nearly as good as a sign that says "Slow down now."

We would also suggest that a wire grading be done on this hill to reduce the steep pitch and provide a more gradual and safer descent for the motorist.

Widening of the grade would also lessen danger of an accident.

These improvements should be made immediately. No time should be lost by the provincial government or public works, for the busy tourist traffic season is approaching, and traffic on this highway will be heavy for the first time.

The improvements should be made now, before there is a fatal accident.

PROTECT THE WHEATBELT.

Wheat crops in this vicinity are threatened with a new menace, the gopher. The damage done has been done by gophers, and unless they are checked they threaten to eat down some sections of the country.

The gopher's natural enemy, his was not greatly reduced in numbers during the last few winters. The weasel population has been reduced to a minimum, and the result is that the gopher, his blood-thirsty foe nearly exterminated, has multiplied at an alarming rate.

Those who claim to be familiar with the gopher's habits say he provides the most effective means of keeping the gopher in check. He kills the gopher's mate, the weasel, the year round and thus prevents the rapid increase of the pest.

Since the weasel is such an efficient enemy in fighting the gopher pest, it would be wise to give protection to the weasel.

The value of his pest is small in comparison to the value he gives in saving the wheat crop from the gopher. He does not destroy crops, being entirely a meat-eater.

In view of the result of weasel trapping in this district, it would seem that his protection is future protection.

A request that the provincial game guardian investigate the gopher problem here should bring good results.

A man in Pittsburg who has been unemployed for three years, and is receiving relief for a year, has just landed in Bassano. He is the grandson of a man who was a noted leader in Wales. He says he is going to square up all his debts, punch out a few more, and then take a trip to Europe, like, and then take a trip to Europe.

INCREASE IN HOMESTEADS.

On account of the high cost for homestead purposes has led to a considerable increase in granting of homesteads. The Minister of Agriculture has a report on the Provincial Lands Department. During the month of May, 1936, 1,200 homestead applications were made, of which 264 were first entries and 936 second entries. A total of 850 entries were made by women seeking homestead lands. In April of this year the total homestead entries were 100, and in May of 1935 the total was 297.

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IDEAL GAIN WEIGHT

Well nourished bodies are the foundation of good health. Overweight is not a sign of health, but thinness is fashionable, but slenderness may reach a degree of thinness which is not good for health.

There are tables which give average weights for individuals, according to age, sex, or height. No particular person is an average person, but the average weight of an individual is the weight at which he enjoys the greatest health.

In most cases, the optimum weight is about the average. A person who is about a pound above the average would find it difficult to lose weight.

The best impulse taking less food than the body uses. To gain weight, the body must be given more food than the body needs.

This applies particularly to the use of such foods as bacon, ham, eggs, butter, cereals, fat meats, cream, and oil. Any excess of food taken out of fat, and so the body is filled out.

It does not mean that weight should be gained by stuffing the body with food. To attempt to do so only the opposite would be true, and the purpose would be defeated. All the additional food required might be obtained by a light meal or a mid-afternoon lunch, or by having something to eat before going to bed.

The diet must be selected so that the body will be well balanced. Underweight is not a sign of health.

The principal work of the Red Cross is to help the sick and the aged.

The work of the Junior Red Cross.

The work of the League of Nations.

The work of the Red Cross Society.

The work of the Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital.

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